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GOVERNOR, FIRST LADY OPEN HOUSE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

RALEIGH - Gov. Mike Easley and First Lady Mary Easley invite you to share in the holiday festivities at the Executive Mansion **Thursday (Dec. 11) through Sunday (Dec. 14).**

Entertainers from across the state will fill the halls with holiday music during the open house. Among the ensembles slated to perform are: Reid Ross Classical School, Leesville High School, Cary High School, Enloe High School, the North Carolina State Chamber Singers, the North Carolina Boys Choir, the Encore Singers and the First Cosmopolitan All-Male Chorus.

Each room will be decorated with a different theme. The Morning Room will be decked out in red, white and blue thanks to students from Fort Bragg's Holbrook Elementary and Meadow Lane Elementary at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. The students have created ornaments and other decorations featuring parents who are deployed overseas and other patriotic elements. The Dining Room will be a winter wonderland in icy whites and blues. The Ladies' Parlor will be decorated in pink and gold. The Library will feature an outdoors theme with North Carolina agricultural products. Also, the Gentlemen's Parlor will highlight North Carolina symbols like the cardinal and the dogwood.

Tours of the mansion will be offered Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is free. All public tours are scheduled through the Capitol Area Visitor's Center at 919/733-3456.